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DENKTAS EXPLAINS REASONS FOR SUSPENSION OF CYPRUS TALKS

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(TEXT) NICOSIA, 2 SEPT (AFP)--TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTAS SAID HERE TONIGHT THAT HE CANCELLED TALKS SCHEDULED TODAY BETWEEN HIM AND CYPRIOT PRESIDENT GLAVKOS KLIRIDHIS BECAUSE HE WAS "PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY INCAPABLE" OF MEETING WITH MR KLIRIDHIS AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF A MASS GRAVE AT MARATHA, A TURKISH VILLAGE NEAR FAMAGUSTIA.

MR DENKTAS ADDED THAT IT WAS ONLY AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL ON CYPRUS, LUIS WECKMAN MUNOZ, THAT HE AGREED TO TRY TO MEET WITH MR KLIRIDHIS INSTEAD ON FRIDAY.

IN AN INTERVIEW IN HIS OFFICE HERE, MR DENKTAS, WHO IS ALSO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, SAID: "I COULD NOT SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF MR KLIRIDHIS AND TALK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH HIM AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THE MASSACRE OF THE INHABITANTS OF TWO VILLAGES."

THE MASS GRAVE AT MARATHA, 20 KILOMETERS (13 MILES) NORTHWEST OF FAMAGUSTIA ON THE EAST COAST OF CYPRUS, WAS DISCOVERED BY VILLAGERS YESTERDAY.

JOURNALISTS WHO WENT TO THE SITE TODAY SAW THE DISMEMBERED, BADLY DECOMPOSED REMAINS OF 25 BODIES AND PARTS OF AT LEAST 10 OTHERS.

TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES SAID THE DEAD WERE RESIDENTS OF NEIGHBORING TURKISH VILLAGES KILLED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS.

MR DENKTAS SAID TODAY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED FOR A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE AFFAIR.

IN A RESPONSE TO A JOURNALIST'S QUESTION, HE SAID: "IF NEW DISCOVERIES ARE MADE WE WILL STUDY THE MEASURES WE SHOULD TAKE." HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT LIKE TO MAKE THREATS BUT THAT HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION EVENTS ON CYPRUS WERE TAKING.

MR DENKIAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS LIVING IN ZONES CONTROLLED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS, COMMENTING THAT HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS THAT PROBLEM WITH MR KLIRIDHIS WHEN THEY MET.

"TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE NOW TERRORIZED. THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM, AND THEY SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE TURKISH SECTOR IF THEY WISH TO," HE SAID.

THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER ADDED: "I INSIST THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD ASSURE THE SECURITY OF TURKS IN THE GREEK ZONE AND NOT CONTENT THEMSELVES WITH VISITING THEM ONCE EVERY TEN DAYS. IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE THAT TRANSFERS OF PRISONERS ARE MADE TO PRISONS AND NOT TO DETENTION POSTS."

MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT KLIRIDHIS TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT GREEK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES WERE NOT SURE THAT THE BODIES DISCOVERED AT MARATHA WERE THOSE OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS. "WE HAVE ALREADY TOLD GENERAL PREM CHAND, COMMANDER OF UN FORCES ON CYPRUS, THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE ALL ACCUSATIONS ABOUT MASSACRES EXAMINED BY A NEUTRAL FORCE AND TO HAVE THE UN CARRY OUT INQUIRIES WITH THE AID OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES," HE SAID.

MR KLIRIDHIS CONTINUED: "THOUSANDS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE MISSING. WHERE ARE THEY?"

HE ADDED THAT SOME OBJECTS FROM GREECE HAD BEEN FOUND AT MARATHA THAT COULD HAVE BEEN WORN BY GREEK CYPRIOTS.

MR KLIRIDHIS EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF SUCH CRIMES COMMITTED IN COLD BLOOD WHETHER THEY INVOLVED TURKISH OR GREEK CYPRIOTS.

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(TEXT) ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS NO WAY OF INVESTIGATING ON THE SPOT REPORTS CONCERNING MARATHA, IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY BY THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN THE PRESENCE OF BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT OBSERVERS. IN ANY CASE, ADDS THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT DENOUNCES WITH ABHORRENCE THE REPORTED CRIME NO MATTER FROM WHAT SIDE IT MAY HAVE COME, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SIMILAR CRIME.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT STRESSES THAT IN THE EVENT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS REJECT THIS PROPOSED INVESTIGATION, THEY WILL SIMPLY BE CONFIRMING THE CONTRARY INDICATIONS. FURTHERMORE, THE GOVERNMENT CHALLENGES THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE TO PERMIT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, BY A COMMITTEE ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES, INTO ALL CRIMES, ACTS OF VIOLENCE, ATROCITIES, AND ACTS OF RAPE AND FLUNDERING REPORTED BOTH FROM AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE FORCES OF OCCUPATION AND FROM AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

A UN SPOKESMAN HAS REFERRED TO THE SAME MATTER AND SAID THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE NOT PUT FORWARD ANY SUCH SUGGESTION. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN INVITED TO WATCH BUT NOT TO CARRY OUT AN INVESTIGATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SAME THING HAPPENED IN CONNECTION WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT ALLEGATIONS ABOUT A MASS GRAVE DISCOVERED WITH 57 BODIES IN ALOA VILLAGE. ON THAT OCCASION, OBSERVERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF FIVE BODIES BUT THEY WERE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF THE DEAD PERSONS.

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